

such as employee compensation, proprietor income, indirect business tax, households, and corporations.

The study quantified the economic impacts of individual NHAs based upon a case study approach and found that the economic impact of the three National Historic Areas in Arizona, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania showed:

1. Essex National Heritage Area (MA) generates \$153.8 million in economic impact, supports 1,832 jobs, and generates \$14.3 million in tax revenue.

2. Oil Region National Heritage Area (PA) generates \$21.2 million in economic impact, supports 314 jobs, and generates \$1.5 million in tax revenue; and

3. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (AZ) \$22.7 million in economic impact, supports 277 jobs, and generates \$1.3 million in tax revenue.

Mr. Chair, as I said there are 49 NHA across the nation but, surprisingly, none in my state of Texas.

We hope to rectify this in the not too distant future.

Texas is the largest and second most populous state in the nation and has a unique story in American history with its diverse geographic landscape, natural resources, and population.

From Galveston's port, East Texas' farms and forestry, and the Buffalo Soldiers, Texas has a rich multi-cultured heritage and history.

To honor Texas' heritage, I will be working with my colleagues to establish the "Emancipation Trail National Heritage Area Corridor" that stretches across historically significant and landmark sites from Galveston to Houston and East Texas into Central Texas.

The Emancipation Trail National Heritage Area will be a corridor focusing on and highlighting the area's rich history and culturally significant events, places, and natural sites, as well as roadways, businesses, residential and farm districts that unite Texas' heritage from the first settlers to modern times.

Mr. Chair, as we approach the 51st anniversary of the passage of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, we want to preserve and unite the legacy stories of some of our state's most revered sites.

Currently underway in Houston is the revitalization of the historic Emancipation Park, a pivotal site in the state's social and cultural development and African American legacy.

The future Emancipation Park, when brought to fruition and designated as a part of the proposed Emancipation Trail National Heritage Corridor, represents a unique opportunity to tell a comprehensive story about the great State of Texas.

Of course, there is much work to do to bring this project to fruition, including necessary reclamation and restoration operations in areas adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey.

That is why H.R. 3686, the Hurricane Harvey Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017, which I introduced earlier this week allocates \$800 million to the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund.

To conclude, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are both a good investment and national treasure providing economic benefits to communities and regions through their commitment to heritage conservation and economic development.

For all these reasons, Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of the Jackson Lee Amendment.

I thank Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM for their work in putting together this legislation.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 11, 2017*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to the impending landfall of Hurricane Irma in Florida, I departed Washington, D.C. to be in my district during this natural disaster.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 467; YEA on Roll Call No. 468; YEA on Roll Call No. 469; YEA on Roll Call No. 470; NAY on Roll Call No. 471; YEA on Roll Call No. 472; NAY on Roll Call No. 473; YEA on Roll Call No. 474; NAY on Roll Call No. 475; NAY on Roll Call No. 476; NAY on Roll Call No. 477; YEA on Roll Call No. 478; YEA on Roll Call No. 479; NAY on Roll Call No. 480; YEA on Roll Call No. 481; YEA on Roll Call No. 482; NAY on Roll Call No. 483; and YEA on Roll Call No. 484.

## COMMEMORATING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACEDONIA'S INDEPENDENCE

### HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 11, 2017*

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Macedonian Caucus co-chairs Representatives DINGELL and BOYLE, rise to recognize the 26th anniversary of Macedonia's independence. On September 8, 1991, the people of the Republic of Macedonia voted to end their centuries-long struggle for a free, independent and sovereign Macedonian Republic in Southeast Europe. Macedonian Independence Day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the Macedonian-American community's substantial contributions within the United States. This month will also mark the 22nd year of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Macedonia. We extend our congratulations to all of Macedonian heritage for their accomplishments as we commemorate this anniversary of Macedonia's independence. As a critical ally, we underscored the importance of supporting this young democracy. Therefore, we include in the RECORD the following letter to Secretary of State Tillerson:

DEAR SECRETARY TILLERSON:

As members of the Macedonia Caucus and friends of Macedonia, together with our partners in NATO and the EU, we have been closely watching the developing political situation in Macedonia. As Macedonia continues on a path toward a stronger future, we see a tremendous opportunity to further promote a strong relationship with this key Balkan ally.

Since the establishment of full diplomatic relations in 1995, the United States of America has readily supported Macedonia's aspirations for full integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions, and remains committed to helping Macedonia strengthen its democratic foundations. A vibrant, multi-cultural country, Macedonia has a positive future ahead, and we look forward to engaging with Macedonia to ensure that it realizes this potential.

Despite common interests and a growing security and economic partnership, the last

time a Secretary of Defense visited Macedonia was a decade ago, and it's been almost 15 years since a Secretary of State visited Skopje. With Macedonia beginning a crucial portion of its contemporary history, and non-state and state actors like Russia looking to exploit and influence vulnerable countries in the region, the dynamics in the Balkans present an exceptional opportunity to show Macedonia that the United States of America recognizes the value of strengthening this relationship.

As you work to develop the European policy of the administration, we hope that you will see it is in the best interests of the United States to further our relationship with Macedonia, as we strive for a safer and freer world. We stand ready to assist you in your efforts to actively promote this bilateral relationship.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter and we look forward to your leadership on this issue.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN D. LOCKHART

### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 11, 2017*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. John D. Lockhart (known as Jack)—patriot and public servant, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather—who passed away on October 24, 2015. Mr. Lockhart cared deeply for his family, friends and community. His personality and presence are sorely missed and will never be forgotten.

Mr. Lockhart was born in 1934 in Staten Island, New York. He attended Port Richmond High School where he played on the baseball team. He studied at St. John's University in Queens. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

In 1959, Mr. Lockhart joined the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), beginning a 24-year career as a first responder assigned to Engine Co. 10/Ladder Co. 15 in Lower Manhattan. He retired in 1983.

In addition to his public service, Mr. Lockhart was also a successful businessman who owned his own company and was the recipient of numerous building awards on Staten Island. He could build or fix just about anything. He enjoyed working on cars, a skill he spent many weekend hours passing on to his sons.

Mr. Lockhart was an avid sports fan and cheered for the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants. In his free time, he played baseball and football in adult leagues and was a fixture on the FDNY championship softball team. Upon his retirement, Mr. Lockhart managed the Renaissance Knights softball team in Manchester, New Jersey.

In life, Mr. Lockhart exemplified the definition of dedication to his family. He was a constant source of love and wisdom for his family and friends.

In 1958, while spending time on the beach, Mr. Jack Lockhart spotted Ms. Joan Pucillo. Pretending to injure his ankle, Mr. Lockhart was able to chat Ms. Pucillo up when she went to check on him. They went on to fall in love and were married for 57 years. Jack and Joan raised five wonderful children—David, Deirdre, Christopher, Greg, Stephen, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.